

# 30 Years Together

Key achievements since Ukraine  
joined the Council of Europe  
in November 1995



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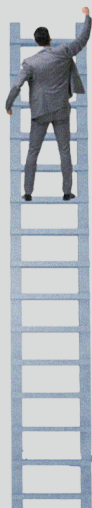
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# TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

The Council of Europe unwaveringly supports Ukraine's path to democracy, human rights, and the rule of law, assisting in the implementation of key reforms. Over 30 years, Ukraine has shown significant progress, enabling the country to obtain EU candidate status and continue its journey toward full membership.

## Accession to the European Convention on Human Rights (1997)

Enabled Ukrainian citizens to appeal to the European Court of Human Rights.



### Abolition of the death penalty (2000)

Fully aligned Ukraine with the Council of Europe principles on the right to life and humane justice.

### Data protection legislation (since 2010)

Citizens' personal data safeguarded under national data protection law and Convention 108+.

### New Criminal Procedure Code (2012)

Ensured fair trial guarantees, transparency, and efficiency in criminal justice.

### Anti-discrimination law (2012)

Adopted to combat discrimination based on gender, ethnicity, disability, and sexual orientation.

## Decentralisation reform (since 2014)

Empowered local self-governance and aligned it with the European Charter of Local Self-Government and democratic standards.

## Anti-corruption Framework (launched in 2014)

Key institutions were created — the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine and the Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office — strengthening transparency and accountability.

## 30 YEARS IN FIGURES



### 6 Action Plans for Ukraine

covering 2005–2026, with a total budget of **over €214 million**



### 50+ Council of Europe Conventions

signed and ratified by Ukraine.



**3,200+ judgments** issued by the European Court of Human Rights on Ukraine.



**120+ legislative acts** assessed by the Venice Commission for Council of Europe compliance.

# RESPONSE TO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE (since 2022)

- Russian Federation expelled from the Council of Europe (2022)
- Register of Damage for Ukraine established (2023)
- Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression planned (2025)
- Ongoing technical assistance and legal support



## Law enforcement reform (since 2015)

The National Police of Ukraine, established with democratic policing standards, replaced the post-Soviet militia.



## Judicial reform (since 2016)

Introduced merit-based judicial selection, training, and disciplinary procedures.

## Public broadcaster: Suspilne (2017)

Established an independent national media outlet providing access to unbiased information.



## Electoral Code with open lists (2019)

Gave voters more influence in elections, improving transparency and political accountability.

## Mandatory gender quotas in elections (since 2019)

Women's representation in Parliament rose from 4.2% in 1995 to about 21% in 2019. Quotas of 40% and 30% were introduced for parliamentary and local elections.



## Accession to the Istanbul Convention (2022)

Strengthened the national response to violence against women and domestic violence.



### **Child protection laws (2021)**

Implemented in line with the Lanzarote Convention to combat sexual exploitation and abuse.

### **Public access to official documents (2023)**

Guaranteed public access to official documents, enhancing transparency and accountability in line with the Tromsø Convention.

### **Employment framework for persons with disabilities (2025)**

Promotes inclusion and equal opportunities in the workplace.



### **Engagement with the Council of Europe AI Convention (ongoing 2023–2025)**

Ukraine shapes European standards for ethical, human-rights-based AI governance.



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